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FOR THE RECORD, THE COMPLETE TEXT OF THE GOM ENGLISH-
LANGUAGE VERSION OF THE JOINT COMMUNIQUE ISSUED FOLLOWING
PRIME MINISTER MINTOFF'S AUGUST 30-31 VISIT TO ALGIERS IS
AS FOLLOWS:

"AT THE INVITATION OF M. HOUARI BOUMEDIENE, PRESIDENT
OF THE COUNCIL OF THE REVOLUTION AND PRESIDENT OF THE
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COUNCIL OF MINISTERS OF THE PEOPLE'S DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC

OF ALGERIA, MR. DOM MINTOFF, PRIME MINISTER OF THE REPUBLIC OF MALTA, PAID A FRIENDLY VISIT TO ALGERIA ON THE 30TH AND 31ST AUGUST, 1976.

"DURING THIS VIST, PRIME MINISTER DOM MINTOFF AND PRESIDENT HOUARI BOUMEDIENE HELD DISCUSSIONS ON BILATERAL RELATIONS AS WELL AS ON THE REGIONAL INTERNATIONAL SITUATION.

" PRESENT AT THESE DISCUSSIONS WERE:

ON THE ALGERIAN SIDE:

-M. ABDELAZIZ BOUTEFLIKA, MEMBER OF THE COUNCIL OF THE REVOLUTION AND MINISTER OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS,
-M. AHMED BENAHMED ABDELGHANI, MEMBER OF THE COUNCIL OF THE REVOLUTION AND MINISTER OF THE INTERIOR,
-M. BELAID ABDESSELAM, MINISTER OF ORIGINAL INSTRUCTION AND RELIGIOUS AFFAIRS.

ON THE MALTESE SIDC:

-DR. EDGAR MIZZI, ATTORNEY GZCERAL,
-MR. MAURICE ABELA, SECRETARY M.C.F.A.,
-MR. ALFRED BELLIZZI, AMBASSADOR OF MALTA TO ALGERIA,
-MR. ALBERT MIZZI, CHAIRMAN OF AIR MALTA AND OF SEA MALTA.

"THE TWO DELEGATIONS EXPRESSED SATISFACTION AT THE EXCELLENT STATE OF THE FRIENDLY RELATIONS AND OF THE COOPERATION EXISTING BETWEEN ALGERIA AND MALTA, AND EXPLORED WAYS AND MEASURES IN WHICH THESE COULD BE FURTHER DEVELOPED. IN THIS SPIRIT, THE ALGERIAN DELEGATION PLEDGED THEIR FIRM SUPPORT FOR THE MALTESE GOVERNMENT'S EFFORTS TO STRENGTHEN THE INDEPENDENCE OF MALTA AND FOR ITS DETERMINATION TO PURSUE A POLICY OF NEUTRALITY IN THE SERVICE OF PEACE AND OF ACTIVE COOPERATION BETWEEN MEDITERRANEAN STATES, ONCE THE FOREIGN BASE IS CLOSED FOR GOOD IN 1979.

"THE TWO PARTIES ALSO AGREED THAT A STATUS OF NEUTRALITY FOR MALTA BASED ON THE PRINCIPLES OF NON-ALIGNMENT CAN BEST BE MAINTAINED THROUGH ECONOMIC COOPERATION BETWEEN VARIOUS MEDITERRANEAN STATES AND MALTA.

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"SUCH NEUTRALITY WOULD BE GUARANTEED BY A NUMBER OF NEIGHBORING COUNTRIES.

"ALGERIA HAS A PARTICULAR INTEREST IN THIS EVOLUTION OF MALTA'S POLICY. IT CONSIDERS THAT IN OPTING FOR NEUTRALITY THE REPUBLIC OF MALTA WOULD BE ACTING IN FULL INDEPENDENCE IN THE EXERCISE OF ITS NATIONAL SOVEREIGNTY.

"WHILST FULLY COMMITTING ITSELF TO RESPECT MALTA'S DECISION OF NEUTRALITY, ALGERIA DECLARES ITS READINESS TO EXAMINE AT THE APPROPRIATE TIME WITH THE GOVERNMENT OF MALTA ALL THE OTHER PARTIES CONCERNED, THE MOST APPROPRIATE FORMULAS FOR CONSOLIDATING SUCH AN OPTION.

"AFTER EXAMINING THE STATE OF COOPERATION BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES, THE TWO DELEGATIONS EXPRESSED THEIR DETERMINATION TO STRIVE TOWARDS AND INTENSIFICATION OF THEIR BILATERAL RELATIONS IN ALL FIELDS, AND TO PROMOTE REGIONAL COOPERATION. THEY AGREED TO EXAMINE TOGETHER PROJECTS OF ECONOMIC COOPERATION BETWEEN THEIR TWO COUNTRIES, MAINLY THOSE RELATING TO THE SHIPBUILDING AND SHIP REPAIRING INDUSTRY.

"VARIOUS SPECIFIC FIELDS OF COOPERATION WERE INDICATED BY THE TWO SIDES. IT WAS AGREED THAT AN ALGERIAN DELEGATION WOULD VISIT MALTA IN THE NEAR FUTURE TO EXPLORE IN GREATER DETAIL THE DIFFERENT PROJECTS OUTLINED DURING THE DISCUSSIONS AND TO FIND FURTHER CONCRETE WAYS AND MEANS TO ESTABLISH A MORE ACTIVE COOPERATION BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES.

"THE TWO SIDES ALSO AGREED TO INTENSIFY EXCHANGES IN THE CULTURAL FIELD BETWEEN THE NORTH AND THE SOUTH OF THE MEDITERRANEAN WITH A VIEW TO PROMOTING A MEDITERRANEAN CULTURE. SUCH REGIONAL COOPERATION WOULD BE BASED ON THE ONE HAND ON THE CONTRIBUTION OF THE ARAB-AFRICAN CIVILIZATION TO EUROPEAN COUNTRIES AND ON THE OTHER ON EUROPE'S CONTRIBUTION TO AFRICA AND TO THE ARAB WORLD MAINLY IN THE FIELD OF SCIENCE
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AND TECHNOLOGY.

"THE ALGERIAN DELEGATION AGREED THAT THERE SHOULD BE THE FULLEST PARTICIPATION OF THE COUNTRIES OF THE REGION IN THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT OF MALTA, AND WAS PARTICULARLY IN FAVOUR OF COLLECTIVE EFFORT BY ARAB STATES IN THIS DIRECTION. IN THIS RESPECT, ALGERIA WILL CONSIDER SYMPATHETICALLY ALL THE PROJECTS THAT MAY BE BROUGHT TO ITS ATTENTION.

"WITH THE SAME OBJECTIVE OF STRENGTHENING BILATERAL COOPERATION, THE TWO SIDES UNDERTOOK TO CONTINUE TO EXCHANGE INFORMATION AND VIEWS AND TO HARMONIZE THEIR POSITIONS ON THE INTERNATIONAL QUESTIONS RELATING TO THE LAW OF THE SEA, ESPECIALLY ON THE QUESTION OF THE

SEABED AND OCEAN FLOOR.

"AN EXAMINATION OF THE PROSPECTS FOR COOPERATION ON A MEDITERRANEAN REGIONAL BASIS REVEALED THAT THE QUADRIpartite TALKS WHICH HAVE BEEN TAKING PLACE ON COOPERATION IN SUCH FIELDS AS AGRICULTURE, INDUSTRY, TELECOMMUNICATIONS, TOURISM AND THE PROTECTION OF THE ENVIRONMENT, WOULD BENEFIT FROM THEIR EXTENSION BOTH TO OTHER SECTORS OF COOPERATION AND TO OTHER MEDITERRANEAN PARTNERS. THIS WOULD CONTRIBUTE TO THE GOAL OF TURNING THE MEDITERRANEAN INTO A SEA OF PEACE OPEN TO ALL FORMS OF EXCHANGES BETWEEN THE PEOPLES OF THE REGION. IT IS THROUGH THE PERMANENT STRENGTHENING OF THEIR LINKS THAT THE PEOPLES OF THE MEDITERRANEAN CAN MAKE A SIGNIFICANT CONTRIBUTION TO THE CONSOLIDATION OF PEACE AND SECURITY IN THEIR REGION AND TO THE REDUCTION OF TENSIONS RESULTING FROM FOREIGN INTERFERENCE, MILITARY ALLIANCES AND THE

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ESTABLISHMENT OF FOREIGN BASES. THE TWO SIDES AGREED THAT THIS INITIATIVE NOT ONLY DESERVES THE CEASELESS EFFORTS OF BOTH FRIENDLY AND NEIGHBOURING COUNTRIES BUT SHOULD ALSO EVOKE THE DEDICATED PARTICIPATION OF ALL MEDITERRANEAN STATES AS WELL AS THE SYMPATHY AND UNDERSTANDING OF THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY.

"PARTICULAR ATTENTION WAS GIVEN BY THE TWO DELEGATIONS TO THE SITUATION IN THE MIDDLE EAST AND TO AFRICA. THEY EXPRESSED THEIR DEEP CONCERN AT THE CONTINUING CONFLICT IN LEBANON AND THE RESULTING HEAVY LOSSES IN HUMAN LIFE. THEY REAFFIRMED THEIR CONVICTION THAT THE TENSION IN THE MIDDLE EAST HAS NOT ABATED BECAUSE THE PALESTINIAN PEOPLE
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ARE STILL DENIED THEIR INALIENABLE NATIONAL RIGHTS. NO SOLUTION IS POSSIBLE WITHOUT THE RECOGNITION AND RESTORATION OF THESE RIGHTS. THEY CONDEMNED THE UNWARRANTED AGGRESSION AGAINST THE PALESTINIAN PEOPLE AND THE CONTINUED OCCUPATION OF ARAB TERRITORY BY ISRAEL.

"THE TWO SIDES REAFFIRMED THEIR SUPPORT TO THE AFRICAN PEOPLES WHICH ARE STILL FIGHTING FOR THEIR NATIONAL INDEPENDENCE, IN ZIMBABWE, IN NAMIBIA AND IN SOUTH AFRICA. THEY STRONGLY CONDEMN THE RACIST REGIMES WHICH OPPRESS THESE PEOPLES AND THEY DENOUNCE EVERY POLICY OF COOPERATION PRACTISED BY CERTAIN COUNTRIES WITH THESE REGIMES.

"WHILST DENOUNCING EVERY FORM OF COLONIALISM AND EXPLOITATION, THE TWO SIDES REAFFIRMED THEIR FIRM ATTACHMENT TO THE PRINCIPLE OF SELF-DETERMINATION OF PEOPLES WHATEVER THE SIZE OF THEIR POPULATION AND TERRITORY. THEY ALSO REAFFIRMED THEIR SUPPORT FOR THE RIGHT OF ALL PEOPLES TO FREELY CHOOSE THEIR DESTINY IN CONFORMITY WITH THE CHARTER AND THE RESOLUTIONS OF THE UNITED NATIONS.

"IN GENERAL, THE TWO SIDES REAFFIRM THEIR DEDICATION TO WORK FOR A REDUCTION OF TENSION IN THE WORLD. IN THIS CONTEXT THEY VIEW WITH SATISFACTION DETENTE IN EUROPE, AND STRESS THAT SECURITY IN EUROPE IS CLOSELY

LINKED WITH SECURITY IN THE MEDITERRANEAN. THEY REITERATE THEIR COMPLETE ADHESION TO THE POLITICAL AND ECONOMIC DECLARATIONS AS WELL AS TO THE RESOLUTION OF THE FIFTH SUMMIT CONFERENCE OF HEADS OF STATE AND GOVERNMENT OF THE NON-ALIGNED COUNTRIES.

"AT THE END OF THEIR DISCUSSIONS THE TWO SIDES AGREED TO STILL FURTHER THEIR DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS IN VIEW OF THE HIGH LEVEL ALREADY ATTAINED IN THEIR BILATERAL RELATIONS AND COOPERATION.

"THE MALTESE PRIME MINISTER CONVEYED THE GREETINGS OF THE PEOPLE OF MALTA TO THE PEOPLE OF ALGERIA AND EXPRESSED THE APPRECIATION OF THE MALTESE DELEGATION FOR THE WARM
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HOSPITALITY ENJOYED DURING THEIR STAY IN ALGIERS.

"HE ALSO EXTENDED AN INVITATION TO PRESIDENT BOUMEDIENE AND FOREIGN MINISTER ABDELAZIZ BOUTEFLIKA TO VISIT MALTA. THE INVITATION WAS ACCEPTED WITH PLEASURE AND THE DATE FOR THE VISIT WILL BE COMMUNICATED TO THE GOVERNMENT OF MALTA IN DUE COURSE."

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